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SUBJECT: RESUMPTION DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS REF: ALGIERS 661 (LIMDIS), STATE 055084

FROM NEWSOM FOR EAGLETON

- 1. I SHOULD LIKE YOUR ADVICE ON NEXT STEPS TOWARD POSSIBLE RESUMPTION RELATIONS. I LEAVE TO YOU WHETHER YOU DISCUSS QUESTION I POSE WITH ZEGHAR.
- 2. ALGERIANS HAVE INVITED ME TO VISIT FOLLOWING ASSUMED SIGNING EL PASO DEAL. INDICATIONS ARE THEY MAY BE PREPARED DISCUSS RESUMPTION RELATIONS.
- 3. IN SOMEWHAT SIMILAR CASE DECEMBER 1971 RELATING SUDAN, NEWS OF PROJECTED VISIT AND SUGGESTIONS IT MIGHT LEAD RESUMPTION RELATIONS HAD EFFECT OF ALERTING OPPOSITION FORCES IN ARAB WORLD AND NIMERY'S FINAL DECISION RESUME WAS PROBABLY CONSIDERABLY DELAYED AS RESULT. MY QUESTION IS WHETHER NEWS MY VISIT WHICH VERY LIKELY LEAK OUT EVEN IF NOT ANNOUNCED WOULD HAVE SSIMILAR EFFECT OF CREATING PRESSURES ON ALGERIANS AGAINST RESUMPTION, PARTICULARLY IN PRESENT TURMOIL IN ARAB WORLD SECRET

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AND FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT FURTHER ARMS SHIPMENTS TO ISRAEL. IF THIS IS POSSIBILITY, WOULD IT BE PREFERABLE

SUGGEST TO ALGERIANS THAT WE QUIETLY EXCHANGE NOTES ON RESUMPTION WITH VISIT FIRST STEP AFTER ANNOUNCEMENT?

4. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENT. ROGERS

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